



WEATHER & CROPS

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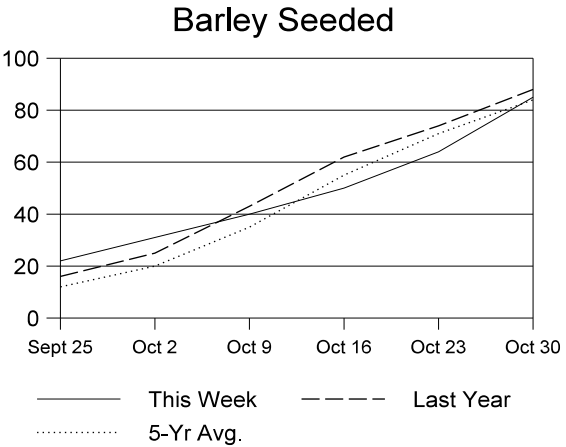
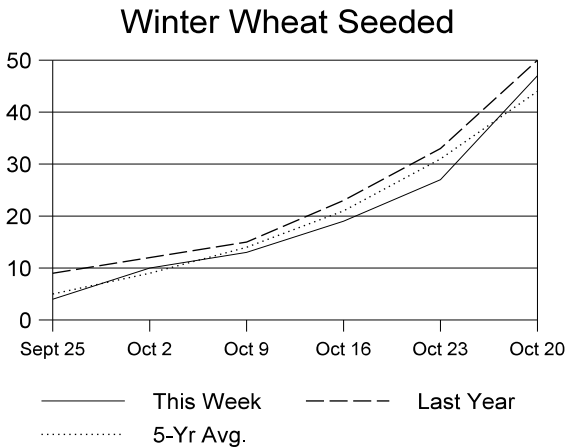
CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2005

The Commonwealth of Virginia experienced its coldest week of the season. The average temperature for the week of October 23 – October 30, 2005 was 46.3 degrees. Many areas in the state dealt with their first frost. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.7. Rain showers early in the week hindered small grain seeding, but planting resumed towards the end of the week. Good moisture aided small grain germination. Pasture and hay fields are recovering nicely with adequate moisture and warm sunny days. Many beef producers continue to feed supplemental hay to their cattle. Other activities for the week included harvesting pumpkins, purchasing corn and fertilizer, soil sampling, repairing equipment, farm cleanup, cutting firewood, and preparing seedbed's for small grain planting.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
September 25, 2005	38	42	19	1
October 2, 2005	47	38	14	1
October 9, 2005	37	28	24	11
October 16, 2005	15	21	54	10
October 23, 2005	22	20	44	14
October 30, 2005	16	21	54	9

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	8	27	40	25	0
Livestock	1	5	31	55	8
Hay, (other)	19	33	40	8	0
Hay, (alfalfa)	7	21	49	22	1
Soybeans	9	26	33	27	5
Cotton	0	9	32	44	15
Apples, (all)	0	0	49	51	0

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Soybeans Harvested	42	31	30	36
Winter Wheat Seeded	47	27	50	44
Barley Seeded	85	64	88	84
Peanuts Dug	92	84	96	94
Peanuts Combined	82	70	84	84
Cotton Harvested	52	40	49	48
Fall Apples Harvested	100	93	98	99
Winter Apples Harvested	53	43	85	93



WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	56	30	44	-9	1.42	0.72	3
The Plains	61	33	45	-8	1.64	0.80	3
Winchester 7 SE	63	28	44	-7	1.07	0.30	3
Dale Enterprise	62	28	42	-9	0.68	-0.02	3
WESTERN							
Glasgow	65	30	46	-7	0.12	-0.65	1
Roanoke AP	65	31	47	-6	0.03	-0.81	1
Waynesboro	64	29	43	-7	0.70	-0.07	3
Staunton AG	62	29	42	-8	0.54	-0.23	2
CENTRAL							
Somerset	63	32	45	-9	1.04	0.13	3
Piedmont Res ST	64	32	46	-7	0.91	0.00	2
Bremo Bluff	70	29	47	-6	0.65	-0.28	2
Richmond AP	67	33	50	-6	1.07	0.30	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	64	39	52	-6	0.92	0.29	2
Wallops Island	63	34	50	-9	0.78	0.15	2
Williamsburg	69	35	50	-7	1.44	0.74	2
Keysville	70	31	48	-6	0.08	-0.76	1
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	62	25	41	-8	0.08	-0.69	1
Wytheville	62	24	41	-8	0.32	-0.45	3
Saltville	63	25	43	-8	0.37	-0.40	3
Richlands	63	24	41	-5	0.67	-0.10	3
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	68	30	46	-7	0.00	-0.91	0
Danville AG	67	32	48	-8	0.02	-0.78	1
Chatham	65	26	45	-8	0.10	-0.74	1
Martinsville	65	27	45	-7	0.12	-0.72	1
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	66	37	53	-5	1.09	0.42	2
Oceana	66	36	52	-9	1.73	1.03	4
Emporia	68	34	49	-6	1.10	0.33	2
Newport News	69	32	51	-7	0.95	0.28	2

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.